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GENERAL CONFERENCE

MEETINGS

for
Tuesday, 19 September

10.00 a.m.
Plenary Hall

PLENARY:
General debate and Annual Report for 1999
(item 7 continued) GC(44)/4

3rd meeting

10.30 a.m.
Meeting Room B

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

1st meeting

3.00 p.m.
Plenary Hall

PLENARY:
General debate and Annual Report for 1999
(item 7 continued) GC(44)/4

4th meeting

3.00 p.m.
Meeting Room B

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

2nd meeting

FORECAST
for
Wednesday, 20 September

10.00 a.m. Plenary Hall	PLENARY:	5 th meeting
10.00 a.m. Meeting Room B	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:	3 rd meeting
3.00 p.m. Plenary Hall	PLENARY: This meeting will be extended beyond 6.00 p.m.	6 th meeting
3.00 p.m. Meeting Room B	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:	4 th meeting

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Plenary: 1st meeting

Under item 1 of the provisional agenda, "Election of officers and appointment of the General Committee", Professor Ibrahim Othman, delegate of the Syrian Arab Republic, was elected as President of the General Conference at its forty-fourth regular session by acclamation.

On a proposal of the President, the Conference elected Mr. Miroslav Gregori of Slovenia as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole. Also on a proposal of the President, the Conference elected the delegates of Australia, Kuwait, Malta, Morocco, Peru, the Philippines, the Russian Federation and the United States of America as Vice-Presidents of the Conference and the delegates of Canada, France, Luxembourg, Mexico and South Africa as additional members of the General Committee.

Under item 2 of the provisional agenda, the General Conference approved - by acclamation - the applications for membership of the Agency by Azerbaijan, the Central African Republic and Tajikistan.

Under item 3 of the provisional agenda, Mr. Steinar Björnsson, Director for Administration and Common Services, United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, delivered a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Under item 4 of the provisional agenda, a statement was made by Mr. Mohamed ElBaradei, Director General of the Agency.

Under item 6 of the provisional agenda, the President made a statement regarding pledges of contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 2001.

The Conference took up item 7 of the provisional agenda, "General debate and Annual Report for 1999". Statements were made by the delegates of France, Japan, the United States of America, China, Egypt and the Republic of Korea.

General Committee:

1st meeting

The Committee discussed arrangements for the Conference (item 5 of the provisional agenda). The Committee also considered a request for the restoration of voting rights made by Iraq.

Plenary:

2nd meeting

Under item 5 of the provisional agenda, the President reported on the General Committee’s deliberations concerning arrangements for the Conference. Upon recommendation of the Committee, the Conference adopted the agenda as document GC(44)/21. The Conference agreed that the current session would close on Friday, 22 September 2000, and that the next regular session would open on Monday, 17 September 2001. Also under item 5, the Conference voted on and adopted the recommendation of the General Committee not to accede to the request by Iraq for the restoration of voting rights.

The Conference resumed consideration of item 7 of the agenda, “General debate and Annual Report for 1999”. Statements were made by the delegates of Sudan, Belarus, Italy, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Tunisia, Ukraine, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, South Africa, Algeria and the Holy See.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

INFORMAL MEETINGS

The following informal meetings have been scheduled for today (Tuesday):

Group	Time	Location
EU	9.00 a.m.	Meeting Room N
WEOG	9.30 a.m.	Meeting Room N
African Group	9.30 a.m.	Meeting Room O

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Conference is meeting in the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Bruno Kreisky Platz 1, 1220 Vienna, which is located next to the Vienna International Centre (VIC). The telephone number is 212 44 00.

The starting times of each meeting will be announced in the Journal. Delegates are requested to be in their places by those times to allow meetings to start punctually. Evening meetings will be announced during the session if they become necessary.

General information about the Conference, such as the location of meeting rooms and offices, telephone extensions and the various services, may be obtained at the Information Desk (second floor, No. 11 **on the attached floor plan**, extension 2141).

CREDENTIALS

Delegates who have not yet submitted their credentials to the Director General are requested to do so immediately at the Credentials Office at the ACV (second floor, No. 5, extension 2092).

IDENTIFICATION BADGES

In the interest of security, conference participants are requested to wear their badges when entering the ACV and for as long as they are in the building. Members of delegations and other participants who are in possession of a valid VIC ground pass will not need additional identification. All other participants are requested to obtain their identification badge from the Registration Desk on the ground floor, No. 1, at the ACV. Badges will be issued from 8.30 a.m. onward.

DELEGATES' LIST

The first official list of members of delegations was issued on Sunday, 17 September; it contains information on the composition of delegations which had been communicated to the Secretariat by 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 15 September. If, during the session, changes are required in the particulars provided at the time of registration, delegates are requested to inform the Protocol Office (second floor, No. 5, extension 2090), in writing, so that the list of delegation members may be brought up to date.

SPEAKERS' LIST FOR PLENARY MEETINGS

At plenary meetings the President calls upon speakers to each item in the order in which they have entered their names on a written list. Delegates wishing to speak to an item are requested to inform Mr. A. Donà, on the second floor, No. 7, extension 2133, who will also have a table in the Plenary Hall near the podium. Delegates of ministerial rank will be given preference.

Microphones have been placed on all tables. Delegates are requested to use them for voting by roll call, for explanation of vote, for interventions in the exercise of the right of reply and for procedural motions. At other times, and especially during the general debate, delegates are requested to deliver their statements from the rostrum. **Delegates about to make their statement are asked to come forward to the front when the preceding speaker is making his concluding remarks and to wait at the table marked "next speaker".**

STATEMENTS OF DELEGATES

To facilitate interpretation, it would be greatly appreciated if, as in the past, the texts of statements to be delivered during the general debate were handed to the Conference Officer in advance. In order to enable the Conference to make the best possible use of the time available, delegates are urged to keep the duration of their oral presentations to **a maximum of 15 minutes.**

Copies of the full texts (in the original language) will, if delegates so request, be made available to other delegates during the session. In addition, as part of the coverage of the General Conference, the Division of Public Information can present delegates' statements on-line. If delegates wish to

take advantage of this service, they are kindly requested to provide a copy of their statement in electronic form by e-mail to worldatom@iaea.org or on diskette to the Division of Public Information (first floor, No. 3, extension 2056).

To facilitate the preparation of records of proceedings, it would be appreciated if delegates intending to provide the Secretariat with texts of statements would have them typed double-spaced (like this paragraph).

DOCUMENTS

Delegates are advised that General Conference documentation is available electronically and they are urged to make full use of this service so as to reduce the costs to the Agency of printing and distributing hard copies of documents. The address is <http://www.iaea.or.at/GC/gc44/documents/>. Documents in hard copy will continue to be available at the Documents Station (second floor, No. 8).

Delegates wishing to submit draft resolutions or other documents to the Conference during the session are requested to provide the staff of the Conference Secretariat (second floor, No. 15, extension 2011) with the text as early as possible.

A limited amount of typing can be arranged for delegations by Documents Services (second floor, No. 8, extension 2046).

USE OF RADIO RECEIVERS IN MEETING ROOMS

In meeting rooms A, B, C, M, N and O of the ACV, portable radio receivers will be available, enabling participants to follow the proceedings in the original language and in the working languages of the Conference. As these receivers must be serviced between meetings, participants are requested not to remove them from the meeting rooms.

USE OF MOBILE TELEPHONES IN MEETING ROOMS

Participants are requested to turn mobile telephones off when entering any of the meeting rooms.

SMOKING

Participants are requested not to smoke in the meeting rooms.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION FUND FOR 2001

To enable up-to-date information to be provided to the General Conference regarding contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund for 2001, the Contributions Officer, Mr. S. Sinha, will be available to receive pledges in his office (second floor, No. 13, extension 2112) or, immediately before and during plenary meetings, at a desk in the Plenary Hall near the podium.

OTHER MEETINGS

SCIENTIFIC FORUM

There will be a scientific forum, on “*Radioactive Waste Management: Turning Options into Solutions*”, taking place today and tomorrow, Wednesday, 20 September in Meeting Room C at the ACV. The programme is as follows:

Tuesday, 19 September 2000

10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Session 1 – *Opening of the Scientific Forum – Setting the Scene*

3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Session 2 – *Technology Aspects: What is being done and looking ahead*

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10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Session 3 – *Safety Aspects: Can we safely manage radioactive waste?*

3.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Session 4 – *Panel: Where do we go from here?*

MEETING OF SENIOR REGULATORS

The traditional meeting of senior regulators will take place on Thursday, 21 September, in Conference Room II, 7th floor of Building C at the VIC.

TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION MEETINGS

Meetings of groups and representatives of Regional Co-operative Agreements (AFRA, ARCAL, RCA) and Regional TC Programmes (Europe and West Asia) have been arranged as follows:

AFRA: Today at 10.00 a.m. in Meeting Room V, on the 7th floor of Building C at the VIC.

ARCAL: Today at 3.00 p.m. in Meeting Room V, on the 7th floor of Building C at the VIC.

RCA: Wednesday, 20 September at 9.00 a.m. and at 3.00 p.m. in Meeting Room V, on the 7th floor of Building C at the VIC.

Tripartite AFRA/ARCAL/RCA: Thursday, 21 September at 9.00 a.m. in Meeting Room V, on the 7th floor of Building C at the VIC.

EUROPE: Thursday, 21 September at 10.00 a.m. in the IAEA Board Room, on the 4th floor of Building C at the VIC.

WEST ASIA Thursday, 21 September at 3.00 p.m. in Meeting Room A-450, on the 3rd floor at the ACV.

In addition, a meeting to discuss Case Studies on The Clean Development Mechanism and Nuclear Power will take place on Thursday, 21 September at 10.00 a.m. in Meeting Room O on the 1st floor at the ACV.

EXHIBITION ON TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE IAEA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The delegation of the Republic of Korea has prepared the 4th Exhibition on Technical Co-operation between the IAEA and the Republic of Korea. The theme this year is “Pillars for Quality Life”. The exhibition is located in Foyer B on the 2nd floor of the ACV and will be open for the whole period of the 44th General Conference.

GENERAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES DURING THE CONFERENCE

SERVICES

Incoming telephone calls for participants will be taken by the Information Desk. The number is 212 44 00 extension 2141 (through dialing). In addition, a facsimile line is available at the Information Desk for the receipt of **incoming** facsimile messages for participants. The number is 212 44 00 2145.

A Post Office is located on the ground floor, No. 3. For outgoing long-distance telephone calls and facsimiles, participants are asked to contact the Post Office.

Delegates can receive and send electronic mail during the Conference. The public address is: “GENCONF00@IAEA.ORG”. Senders should specify the recipient’s name and country in the subject line in order to ensure that the message is allocated to the proper delegate. Messages sent to this e-mail address may be picked up by delegates at the Information Desk. This e-mail address may be used only to receive messages.

In addition to the general e-mail address, delegates may register during the Conference for a specific individual e-mail address valid for the duration of the General Conference. Computers are available so that delegates can send and receive e-mail messages using their individual e-mail address.

Restaurant facilities are available at the ACV for the duration of the session. Lunch is served in the restaurant on the first floor, No. 1, from 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Snacks and beverages are available all day at the ACV Snack Bar, which is located on the second floor, No. 10.

No banking services are provided at the ACV, although a cash dispenser is situated on the Ground Floor, next to the Post Office. Full banking services are available at the VIC, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from Monday to Wednesday and on Friday and from 8.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Thursday.

Emergency medical attention is obtainable in the Medical Service at the VIC from 8.30 a.m. until the close of the last meeting of the day (VIC building F, seventh floor, telephone number 88, extension 22222). For emergency assistance at other times, delegates may apply to the security guard at the VIC (telephone number 99/3903).

AGENCY EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

As in previous years, a number of exhibits and displays have been arranged by the Secretariat., including a display relating to the subject of the Scientific Forum “*Radioactive Waste Management*”. The exhibits and displays are located in Foyer A on the 2nd floor of the ACV.

ISSUE OF VIC COMMISSARY CARDS TO HEADS OF DELEGATIONS

Heads of delegations are advised that cards entitling them to make purchases at the VIC Commissary will be issued by the United Nations Security Pass Office, which is situated in Room COE13 in the Rotunda of the VIC, from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. for the duration of the session. After receipt of the card, the bearer is requested to validate it at the Commissary Service Counter (VIC, Room F-151) from 12 noon to 6.00 p.m.

SECURITY

Security equipment has been installed at the ACV. All personnel attending the Conference are requested to co-operate with the security personnel.

EMERGENCY STAIRCASES IN THE ACV

Participants are advised that the emergency staircases in the ACV cannot be used for going from one floor to another. Although they can be entered on any floor, the only exits are at the -3 (i.e. lowest) level. They should therefore be used only in a real emergency.

ACCESS TO THE ACV FROM THE VIC

Participants can enter the ACV via the VIC through connecting doors located on the ground floor of Building G of the VIC.

PARKING AT THE ACV

Parking space is reserved on parking decks 1 and 2 of the ACV. For official cars with chauffeurs, red stickers entitling the cars to be driven to the main entrance of the ACV will be issued. For other cars, General Conference or VIC ground passes will suffice as identification for free parking in this area. Drivers are requested to obtain a parking ticket from the ACV parking dispenser when they first enter the ACV garage and exchange it for a cost-free parking permit, valid until the end of the Conference, at the Registration Desk at the ACV (ground floor, No. 1).

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

It is possible to travel between the VIC and Vienna's city centre by underground train (U-Bahn). Tickets may be purchased at U-Bahn stations or in advance, in quantities of five or ten, at most Austrian tobacco shops (identified by the round **AUSTRIA TABAK** sign). Weekly tickets are also available.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

The organizers or sponsors of receptions and other events to be arranged during the Conference are invited to get in touch with the Protocol Office (second floor, No. 5, extension 2090) or with Ms. E. Tesar, the Editor of the Conference Journal (second floor, No. 16, extension 2120), if they wish to have such events publicized.

Tuesday

19 September 2000:

- 12:45 p.m. Presentation session on the occasion of the 4th Exhibition on IAEA/Republic of Korea Co-operation (Foyer B, 2nd floor, Austria Center)
- 1:15 p.m. Buffet Luncheon*, Delegation of the Republic of Korea, Austria Center Restaurant
- 6:30 p.m. Reception*, the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria, Palais Pallavicini, 1st district

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- 1:15 p.m. Lunch*, Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission of India, Austria Center Restaurant

Thursday

21 September 2000:

- 1:15 p.m. Lunch*, Delegation of China, Sichuan Restaurant, Arbeiterstrandbadstr. 122, 22nd district

* By invitation only

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